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**In Support of Raised Bill 6303 – an Act Concerning Municipal Animal Shelters
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Senator Cassano, Representative Gentile, members of the committee, I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Raised Bill 6303, An Act Concerning Municipal Animal Shelters.

I am a dog owner and citizen who volunteers my time to further the cause of animal welfare and protection as well as rescue. While working in these areas over the last several years, I have been consistently disappointed to learn just how poorly our society is allowed to treat its' most vulnerable, voiceless members.

It is incomprehensible to me that municipal animal shelters whose purpose is to protect, care for and temporarily house our homeless dogs can routinely deny basic veterinary care to those which are injured and suffering. At the very least, if the animal is otherwise adoptable, they should have a right to be treated by a licensed veterinarian.

I believe it is a disgrace that common decency should have to be legislated, but since it apparently does, I urge you to do the humane thing and please support Raised Bill 6303.

Passing this bill will give the animals the urgent care they require to eliminate needless suffering and to allow them a second chance at a quality life in a loving home.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

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